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Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Roger Thompson, Crane, Brookman, Small, Hudson and Bumbieris (arrived late), Anthony Buckwell and also John Garvey and Geoff Adams, Humphrey Barber, Mark Robins and colleague, John Willmott and Paul Frances

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Benneyworth, Podger, Harding, and Wilson
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014.** Cllr Crane proposed the minutes of the last meeting as a true record subject to deletion of the line beginning 'The Travis' in par. 12, seconded by Cllr Small, all in favour.
- 4. Co-opt Paul Whiting as member of H&T.** Cllr Thompson proposed Paul Whiting to join the H&T committee, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.
- 5. Changed relationship with WBC Highways team - Discussion and welcome to Dist. Councillor James Podger (JP) and Paul Hewer (PH)**  
Cllr Thompson suspended standing orders – JP advised liaison should be through the clerk and that there is no moratorium on contact with officers although Chief Officer's time is valuable and HTC should only be meeting with officers, when District Cllrs are present, and on key issues. Policy is dictated by elected members. Cllr Bumbieris entered. JP is keen to attend Full Council meetings and some H&T meetings. **Action:** Cllr Hudson will send list of o/s issues to JP to identify key issues.
- 6. WBC Resurfacing program and Roadwork notices – Action:** Clerk will pull off road works and resurfacing notices and circulate. Only 3 items appear on the resurfacing schedule for this year. Hillside Road surface has been reported.
- 7. Transport issues - Status of bus services, including H1 route –** The new bus route is due to start on 30<sup>th</sup> April. The route starts at 10.30am, quite a bit later than previously due to availability of staff. WBC were to consult with Redwood residents before this was agreed  
- **Electrification** – The case to continue electrification to Bedwyn has been proven but Hungerford will not benefit in the first phase. Benyon's recent response was read out and circulated. Pressure is to be kept on. **Action:** Cllr Hudson will email JP details on funding that LEP have access to. Cllr Thompson to liaise with John Willmott on this subject.  
- **Network rail overcharges on 0841** – Passengers are being compensated.
- 8. Highways issues - Parking at Leisure Centre and Our Lady of Lourdes Church –** HTC is in contact with the bursar at JOG school regards overflow parking. **Parking charges, Implementation of changes** – JP advised at previous full council this should happen in the next 2 months subject to no objections. He wishes to see an increase in cost for long term parking, which is being implemented. JP

is also keen to pursue further to obtain some free parking.

- **Fairview Road traffic issues during developments** - Cllr Whiting declared an interest and advised the need to consider the timetable of access of large vehicles versus the school timetable. Consider: one way system, parking location for site workers, danger caused by increase in volume of traffic. Also one way system can cause increase in speed, area should be 20mph (advisory only) as should all areas by WBC schools, and what route would traffic take. **Action:** Find what recommendations are for the planning application. Does it need to be called in? A traffic management plan is needed during construction for both areas including North View. **Action:** Write to WBC. Some money will be available as the calculation is based on number of bedrooms. There may be an increase in parking with the new residents. HGVs turning cause a danger. **Action:** Arrange meeting with traffic police.

- **A4 speeding - traffic calming - illuminated speeding signs** – The cost to purchase a speed reactive sign is £2625 plus VAT and Simone Services offer a service where they move the sign to different locations for a further £200 a month. Cllr Hudson proposed we apply for the parish plan grant to purchase the sign, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour. The results of the WBC traffic speed review on Strongrove Hill show there is not a significant enough problem to warrant any action by WBC. There have been police speed checks by the garden centre. The Denford turning is dangerous and speeding is an issue approaching the town.

- **Crossings at Jog School and North of Town - discuss status** – A Garratt has a team looking at the viability of a crossing at JOG school. Garden Art S106 could be used to fund the pedestrian crossing to the north of the town once the development starts. JP hopes this can be done when the bridge struts are replaced. Services need to be diverted.

- **Footway along Priory Road** – PH thinks the width of the footway by the church negates the need for a footway on the north side. It was decided not to pursue this any further.

- **Letter received re: Coldharbour Road** – Any improvements are cost prohibitive at this stage. Cllr Hudson and JP left.

- **Letter from resident re: footway at A4 Hire – (taken first after item 7)** H Barber (neighbour) wanted to know the footprint for the new plans for A4 Hire. The footway by the premises is already congested by vehicles. J Robins (A4 hire) advised they have put in for pre- application advice and Highways have not identified any problems. The intention is to replace the building with the same footprint. They are not sure if there is an official footway across the entrance and have applied to the land registry for clarification.

9. **Review public toilet quotes** – Bring forward to F&GP
10. **Station Regeneration project - review how to move this forward** – Cllr Crane is meeting with Phil Brown from Network Rail on Friday. Cllr Thompson will attend.
11. **Hungerford in Bloom - WW1 project progress report from Mayor and Cllr Wilson** – Seeds have been ordered. We wait to hear if a competition will be arranged for poppy displays.
12. **Actions to support Town Plan still outstanding** – Not discussed.
13. **Canine bio-solids disposal and the chewing gum menace** – Not discussed
14. **Manhole cover for 2<sup>nd</sup> Xmas tree and other options** – Bring forward to next meeting.

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm**